

Medical Association says minister has no authority Police to crack down on illegal abortions

By ASHER WALLFISH
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The Israel Police will shortly be instructed to launch a campaign to hunt down doctors performing illegal abortions, Agudat Yisrael Knesset Member Shlomo Lorincz told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday.

Lorincz said he got a promise to this effect from Health Minister Eliezer Shostak at a meeting he had with Agudat Yisrael yesterday at Lorincz's demand.

Shostak said he will speak with Police Inspector-General Rav-Nitzav Aryeh Ivzan in a day or two and demand that files be opened against doctors performing abortions not authorized by the special abortion-request boards.

Lorincz said Shostak agreed that the law against "black" abortions (as he called them) is quite clear, and that when there are grounds for suspicion against certain doctors, they will be interrogated.

The legal adviser of the Israel Medical Association said yesterday that no minister, certainly not the health minister, has the authority to instruct the police on how to enforce the law, Kol Yisrael Radio reported last night. He said the police are obligated to act on criminal complaints and the direc-

tives of the attorney-general, not on orders from ministers.

In the course of an Aguda initiative to see that the government implements other legislation that Aguda sponsored, the faction also met with Transport Minister Haim Corfu and got a promise from him that bus companies operating on the Sabbath will be prosecuted.

Lorincz told *The Post* that Corfu promised to remove the monopoly of bus cooperatives violating the Sabbath travel restrictions. Corfu told Lorincz he envisages giving the franchise on certain lines to the Orange-bus company.

Lorincz also revealed that he wrote to Attorney-General Yitzhak Zamir last week asking why Zamir does not prosecute the owner of Petah Tikva's Heichal cinema for violating the Sabbath laws. He told Zamir that while violators of some laws are prosecuted, violators of others apparently know they can continue to break laws with impunity.

Although Lorincz did not say so, his insinuation was clearly that the authorities are victimizing the Orthodox suspects in the Anghelevici body-snatching case, while wearing velvet gloves when dealing with the Petah Tikva cinema owner.

Fighting in Beirut again; 'Jihad' threatens Jumblatt

BEIRUT — Fighting erupted anew along Beirut's "green line" as rival political leaders struggled to hammer out an accord to defuse mounting tensions in advance of France's total withdrawal of its peacekeeping contingent from the Lebanese capital.

The police reported six persons were killed and 22 wounded since early Monday as militiamen battled across the line that divides Beirut into the Christian east and mostly Moslem west.

While French troops loaded equipment on ships in the second day of the pullout of France's 1,300-man contingent, the last of an international peacekeeping force, a rocket crashed into the Mediterranean 100 metres from the port in the Christian sector.

Meanwhile, Druze militiamen from the opposition Progressive Socialist Party (PSP) handed over the captured headquarters of the rival Libyan-backed Sunni Moslem Moubaratoun faction to police and units of the Lebanese Army's dissi-

dent 6th brigade. The handing over took place without serious incident.

On the political front, representatives of Christian President Amin Jemayel's embattled government conferred with leaders of Lebanon's warring factions in both Beirut and Damascus in a fresh effort to shore up a cease-fire.

In another development, the Islamic Jihad (Holy War) organization threatened to kill Lebanese Druze leader Walid Jumblatt if he returned to Beirut, describing him as "a notorious Israeli agent." A spokesman for the group telephoned a news agency here to say Jumblatt was "responsible for the humiliation of the Moslems of Beirut."

Last week, militiamen of Jumblatt's PSP crushed the Moubaratoun militia, accusing it of favouring a return of armed Palestinians to West Beirut and violating a cease-fire with Christian forces in the eastern part of the city.

The Druze leader is in Damascus for talks with Syrian and Lebanese leaders. (AP, Reuters)

Rumsfeld said in Baghdad for 6 hours

BAGHDAD (AP). — U.S. Middle East envoy Donald Rumsfeld arrived in Baghdad unexpectedly yesterday for talks with Iraqi officials about the 43-month Gulf war, a Western diplomat said.

The diplomat said Rumsfeld was to "spend six hours in Baghdad." He refused to elaborate. Iraqi information ministry officials declined to comment on the report, and officials of the U.S. interests section here were not available to comment.

In Kuwait, Rumsfeld had talks with Emir Sheikh Jaber al-Ahmed. No official statements were made following the meeting, which lasted an hour and was attended by Undersecretary for Foreign Affairs Rashed Abdel-Aziz Rashed, and American charge d'affaires Philip Griffin.

Informed sources, however, said the Kuwaitis pressed for a revision of the U.S. Middle East policy "so that Washington pursue a more balanced line that would enable it to preserve its friendships in the region." In this respect, the sources added, the Kuwaiti side pointed out that calls for moving the U.S. embassy from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem "could adversely affect Arab-American relations."

The Kuwaitis also criticized the administration's withdrawal of its Stinger shoulder-fired missile deal for Jordan and Saudi Arabia, the sources said.

The U.S. administration was called upon to play a bigger role in helping bring about an end to the 43-month-old Iraq-Iran war, the sources added.



A soldier of the Salvadoran Tehmacan Hunter battalion reaches across a truck to check the identity of one of the 29 of his companions who were killed in a guerrilla ambush. The unit was patrolling a highway in preparation for the elections yesterday. Story — Page 4. (UPI telephoto)

Palestinian 'tragedy' in Elizabeth's speech

AMMAN. — Britain's Queen Elizabeth, making her first state visit to Jordan, referred to what she called "the tragedy of the Palestinians," and said the British government would continue to work for a negotiated settlement to the Middle East problem.

"The tragedy which has befallen the Palestinian people affects not only the country more than Jordan," she said in a prepared response to a speech by King Hussein at a banquet hosted by the Jordanian monarch.

The king in his speech praised Britain's "courageous views and... keenness to eliminate the injustice arising from errors of the past from which the Palestinian people are still suffering."

The British royal couple arrived at 11:57 a.m. in a specially equipped Boeing Tristar-500 jet after an overnight stop in Cyprus. They were greeted at the Marka military airbase north of the capital by King Hussein and Queen Noor.

The arrival, which came two days after a bomb exploded outside the hotel press centre for the visit, was carried out under tight security.

Khaki-clad Jordanian soldiers lined the runway at the Marka field, and hundreds of the Jordanian king's keffiyeh-adorned Beduin guards ringed the base, patrolling in jeeps mounted with machine guns.

It was the queen's first official state visit to the kingdom, which gained independence from Britain in 1946. (Reuters, AP)

UK support for royal visit to Israel

By HYAM CORNEY
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LONDON. — President Chaim Herzog, who arrives here today at the start of a week-long visit at the invitation of the Jewish community, will find a surprisingly good reaction to his proposal to invite the Queen to come to Israel.

While officials at Buckingham Palace and the Foreign Office will say nothing until an invitation has actually been given, the press is already urging the Queen to accept. Even newspapers not normally friendly to Israel have adopted a positive attitude.

The Guardian, in an editorial headed "An offer Her Majesty shouldn't refuse," wrote that the

only decent answer to an invitation to visit Israel is "an unhesitating yes." Arab leaders could not legitimately argue against an exchange of courtesies between two friendly countries, *The Guardian* said. It added that while Britain may have "misgivings" about Israeli policy in the West Bank, "the democratic institutions of Israel itself are regarded here as a precious phenomenon in a part of the world where they are not universally upheld."

There has been positive parliamentary reaction, too. Colin Moynihan MP, secretary of the Conservative back-bench foreign affairs committee, said he hoped "very much that a visit to Israel goes ahead."

Aridor, Livni in row over who heads Herut secretariat

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Former finance minister Yoram Aridor yesterday summoned the Herut secretariat after having announced that he is returning to serve as its chairman. A little more than half the members showed up.

The acting chairman, Knesset member Eitan Livni, has announced

that he does not accept Aridor's return and has summoned a meeting in Tel Aviv for Thursday.

Once Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir manages to come to an understanding with the opposition on the date of elections, he will have to turn his attention to this tug of war in the party secretariat.

Aridor resigned from the (Continued on Page 2, Col. 1)

July date looks likely for Knesset elections

Navon returns
to join fray,
Levy still
weighs fight

By SARAH HONIG
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TEL AVIV. — Former President Yitzhak Navon is to return from North America today to return to active politics.

In Herut, sources close to Deputy Prime Minister David Levy have denied press reports that he has decided to challenge Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir for the party leadership.

The situation in both parties is likely to become clearer if an agreement on the election date is reached this afternoon in a meeting between the Likud and Alignment leaderships.

Navon's decision to cut short his American tour took some Labour leaders by surprise, but the consensus in the party is that it does not signal a decision by him to compete for Labour's number-one spot, but rather an attempt to strike the best bargain he can for a place in the party leadership.

Navon told Gali Tzahal, the Israel Defence Forces radio, before his departure for home that "nothing has been determined and nothing decided. No deal has yet been struck. When I return, I will phone Peres, Rabin and Bar-Lev and we shall all meet and see what the situation is like. Whatever we decide will be for the party's best interests."

Commenting on rumours that he might be made minister of welfare, education or foreign affairs, or deputy premier or minister for the Jewish people, Navon said: "No one has consulted with me about this and I am not ready to negotiate portfolios."

Knesset Member Uzi Baram, (Continued on Page 2, Col. 4)

Two soldiers injured

Jerusalem Post Reporter

METULLA. — Two Israeli soldiers were slightly wounded yesterday afternoon in South Lebanon by a remote controlled bomb.

The device exploded as Israel Defence Forces vehicles on patrol east of Tyre passed by.

No one was hurt when another explosive device went off in Nabatiya yesterday while an IDF patrol was passing.

Maccabi Tel Aviv wins 25th basketball title

Post Sports Staff

Maccabi Tel Aviv, for the 25th time in its history and the 15th time in a row, became the Israeli basketball champion with an 87-81 victory over Hapoel Ramat Gan last night at Yad Eliahu stadium.

The signs of relief and happiness were evident in the post game celebrations as management and players alike drew great satisfaction from their second and deciding play-off victory over a gallant Ramat Gan squad.

Maccabi's well balanced scoring attack was again led by Micky Berkowitz with 29 points, while Lou Silver collected 19 and army-bound Aulcie Perry 16.

By ASHER WALLFISH
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Prospects of an election date in the first half of July appeared to be gathering momentum last night, but Likud ministers were still not of one opinion and Labour Knesset Members were still talking about late May or June as their favoured date.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir is to meet today with Labour leader Shimon Peres to try to work out a date for elections in the wake of last week's 61-58 Knesset vote in favour of dissolution.

After Likud ministers conferred yesterday without reaching a consensus, they appointed a sub-committee to negotiate with the other factions, both inside and outside the coalition.

Two men assumed an increasingly active role in yesterday's interaction contacts: National Religious Party faction chairman Yehuda Ben-Meir and Knesset Speaker Menahem Savidor.

Nothing was heard from Shamir, but the premier is known still to prefer a date in October or November.

Savidor told his colleagues in the presidium yesterday that the Knesset would rise for the Pessah recess this week as he had announced earlier, and that he neither intended nor needed to extend the winter term.

Deputy speaker Moshe Shahal (Labour), who wanted a week's extension, ostensibly to try to get the election legislation completed, threatened to call the House into session every day during the recess by submitting the requisite 30 signatures.

But Shahal's threat impressed nobody, since even if the House is summoned it cannot discuss a private member's bill during the

recess unless the government asks for the session.

Savidor said he spoke to Constitution, Legislation and Law Committee chairman Eli Kulash, who promised to work intensively on processing the election legislation. Savidor said he gave Kulash permission to call the committee as often as needed — permission that usually is given only to the Finance Committee and the Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee.

Savidor, who met with Alignment leaders yesterday afternoon and spoke with Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir on the phone about possible election dates, told reporters he will help catalyze the date-fixing process.

He said he is not worried about the possibility of the Law Committee dragging its feet on the electoral legislation, since there are ways of prodding the committee into action. Either one third of the committee can force the chairman to summon a meeting, or the speaker himself can convene one, Savidor said.

When the NRP faction met yesterday to discuss possible election dates, Ben-Meir suggested July 10, and drew support from everybody except Interior and Religious Affairs Minister Yosef Burg. The faction decided, however, to take no formal decisions until today or tomorrow in order to enable consultations with other factions.

But Ben-Meir told *The Jerusalem Post* that whereas July 3 is also a good date, he will oppose any date later than July 10. He said it is vital to coay the Likud and the Alignment towards a compromise on the election date.

Agudat Yisrael, while still demanding early elections, is known to be willing to accept a date in the first half of July. But the Tami faction still wants May, or June at the latest.

Cohen-Orgad slams Histadrut's motives

Jerusalem Post Staff

The Histadrut's refusal to agree to a package deal with the government and the private employers stems from political considerations, Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad charged last night. Sooner or later, Cohen-Orgad said in a speech to the Spokesmen's Association, the Histadrut will agree to a package deal.

Cohen-Orgad, clearly unhappy at the prospect of early elections, said "an election campaign can jeopardize the process of economic recovery, and comes instead of more desirable alternatives such as a social compact or a national-unity coalition."

He stressed that he will not implement a policy of elections economics, because of the damage this will cause to the recovery process.

"There is simply no way," he declared, "to increase real wages in 1984, and if somebody thinks election economics will convince industrialists and marketing chains to reduce prices, let him think so."

In reaction to Cohen-Orgad's speech, Histadrut spokesman

Shmuel Soler reiterated last night that the Histadrut will not agree to a new package deal following price increases of between 30 and 35 per cent.

Such a package entails the freezing of wages but of nothing else, Soler said. If Cohen-Orgad agrees to a total price freeze, the Histadrut will consider a package deal after two or three months, he said.

Soler added that the Histadrut will continue to negotiate for monthly payment of the cost-of-living allowance.

A mini-poll taken among Tel Aviv businessmen yesterday found most of them believing that election economics are inevitable.

Even if Cohen-Orgad puts the good of the economy before the good of the Likud, his Likud colleagues will bring tremendous pressure on him to change his ways, was a popular view. "They want to stay in power at any cost. And they would certainly sacrifice him to win the elections," one said.

Election economic policies are legitimate and accepted, Likud Knesset Member Dan Tichon said (Continued on Page 2, Col. 1)

Egypt renews commitment to peace treaty with Israel

CAIRO (AP). — Egypt greeted the fifth anniversary of its peace treaty with Israel yesterday with a renewed commitment to the "letter and spirit" of the pact.

A brief comment on the anniversary by State Minister for Foreign Affairs Boutros Ghali was carried by the state-run Middle East News Agency.

"Egypt is fully committed to the letter and spirit of the treaty," Ghali said. "It regards the conclusion of the treaty as a first step toward a comprehensive settlement of the Middle East problem, which must be based on respect for the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination and statehood."

Ghali called on Israel to stop building settlements in "occupied Arab lands," reiterating Cairo's view that the Jewish outposts are "illegal and an obstacle to peace."

His comment and an editorial in the leading newspaper *Al-Ahram* were the only public reminders of the anniversary, the second since Cairo-Jerusalem relations soured over the Israeli invasion of Lebanon in June 1982.

The *Al-Ahram* editorial said Egypt was right in making peace with Israel but it accused the Jewish state of "deviations from the road to real peace." It cited Israel's annexation of the Syrian Golan Heights and East Jerusalem, the bombing of Iraq's nuclear reactor in 1981, and the Lebanon invasion.

Mustapha Khalil, a close aide of President Hosni Mubarak, said yesterday that improvement of relations between Egypt and other Arab states must never come at the expense of peace with Israel. Khalil was interviewed on Gali Zahal, the Israel Defence Forces radio.

FIVE YEARS OF PEACE WITH EGYPT/Yosef Goell Sadat's Jerusalem trip caught Washington by surprise

DESPITE THE fact that the strategic goal of Sadat's peace initiative in 1977 was the complete realignment of Egypt's international orientation on the U.S. peace with Israel being merely the price that had to be paid for the acceptance of that shift by the American political community, Sadat's actual decision to come to Jerusalem caught the Carter administration by surprise.

In the late summer and fall of 1977, the U.S. was busy trying to overcome myriad obstacles that still prevented the reconvening of the Geneva Conference that had originally been convened in December 1973, after the end of the Yom Kippur War. The American fixation on the idea of a "comprehensive" settlement of the Arab-Israeli dispute was so great that the alternative of a separate Egyptian peace with Israel seemed at the time like a very unwanted spoke in the wheels. It took the State Department and the White House the better part of a week to recover and to begin running with the ball in the new game that Sadat and Begin had started.

There had been a disappointing interim stage in Egypt's shift from being a long-term client of the Soviet Union to its orientation on

the U.S. The Soviet connection had begun with the first large-scale sale of Soviet bloc arms to Egypt in 1955. The relationship was intensified with the Soviet commitment to the building of the High Dam at Aswan. The height of Soviet involvement in Egypt came in the 1960s, during the period of Gamal Abdel Nasser's experimentation with the policy of Arab socialism.

Disillusionment set in after Nasser's and Egypt's ignominious defeat in the Six Day War of 1967. Disenchantment with the Soviets increased as it became apparent that, in addition to the inferiority of their weaponry, the Soviets could not possibly match American aid and technological assistance in rebuilding the Egyptian economy. The galling presence and arrogant behaviour of thousands of Russian advisers in Egypt were the reasons given by Sadat for their expulsion in 1972.

BUT THE SHIFT to dependence on American aid did not come about immediately. There was a period, especially after the Yom Kippur War, when Egypt could claim that it had sacrificed both the lives of its men and its limited

treasure, in a general Arab cause, during which Egypt depended on the largesse of its oil-rich sister Arab states.

The dependence on Arab, and especially Saudi, billions was galling to the Egyptians in its own way. Talking to Egyptians today, it does not take long for them to let their hair down and begin airing their disdain for the "primitive" Saudis and Gulf-state Arabs who dare dictate to Egypt how it is to spend the billions they contribute annually to its treasury.

There is something reminiscent of the resentment many Israelis feel at the plethora of plaques marking American Jewish donations to our institutions in the disdain of many Egyptians for the Saudis, who have insisted on having their country's name similarly displayed on everything its money has wrought in Egypt.

But above all, it was soon seen that Arab oil economic aid was even more limited in its capabilities than Soviet aid had been. That left the U.S. as the only alternative for an Egypt whose economic condition was fast becoming desperate. But it took Sadat several years to complete that fateful shift in orientation.

WHAT DID EACH of the sides expect from the other, and how has it worked out over the past five years?

On the American side, the expectation was that Egypt would become the linchpin in a new U.S. military presence in the Middle East that would be charged with preventing Soviet expansion southward and in defending the Gulf oil that is essential to the economies of America's European and Japanese allies. There was even some talk in the heady days of 1978-79 of the possibility of a surreptitious military entente between Egypt, Saudi Arabia and Israel, under the aegis of Washington.

What actually developed has fallen far short of those expectations. Egypt has insisted that the Americans keep a low profile so as not to arouse general Arab opposition to the possibility of a new American imperialism.

The U.S. did use Egyptian air bases for some of their planes in the ill-fated attempt to rescue the Tehran hostages in 1980. And two joint maneuvers have been held between Egyptian forces and elements of the U.S. Rapid Deployment Force. But in retrospect, there is reason to believe that Egypt has a

somewhat lower priority in American strategic planning than one would have expected during the Carter administration.

The Americans have been smart enough to keep such advisers as there are out of uniform and off Cairo's streets. Still, American sources complain of virulent anti-American expressions by the Left opposition that has been permitted to publish its newspaper as part of Mubarak's policy of political liberalization.

ON THE EGYPTIAN side, the attitude is best expressed by Minister of State Boutros Ghali, who told me, "Our relations with the U.S. are good. There has certainly been a measure of disillusion, as is normal in international relations. We, for our part, have insisted that in this relationship Egypt's specificity and non-alignment be preserved."

We discussed the extent of American military aid to Egypt in a previous article. What Sadat expected was also a major and protracted infusion of official American economic aid and the creation of an atmosphere of confidence in the Egyptian economy (Continued on Page 6)

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AMSTERDAM	4	9	14	Cloudy
BRUSSELS	3	8	12	Cloudy
BUEENOS AIRES	20	28	32	Clear
CHICAGO	0	2	6	Cloudy
COPENHAGEN	1	4	8	Cloudy
FRANKFURT	2	5	10	Cloudy
GENEVA	0	2	5	Cloudy
Helsinki	10	14	17	Clear
HONG KONG	17	23	27	Cloudy
Johannesburg	16	20	24	Rain
LONDON	7	9	12	Rain
MADRID	4	8	12	Cloudy
MONTREAL	-4	-2	2	Cloudy
NEW YORK	-3	-1	4	Cloudy
OSLO	-5	-3	1	Cloudy
PARIS	8	11	15	Cloudy
RIO DE JANEIRO	17	22	26	Cloudy
Sao Paulo	18	21	24	Cloudy
STOCKHOLM	-6	-2	1	Cloudy
TOKYO	6	10	14	Cloudy
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	Yesterday's	Yesterday's	Today's
	Humidity	Min-Max	Max
Jerusalem	77	6-11	13
Golan	87	7-13	14
Nahariya	72	5-11	13
Safed	68	11-18	19
Haifa Port	63	11-18	19
Tiberias	58	11-21	22
Nazareth	61	7-14	16
Afula	61	9-18	19
Shomron	72	8-15	16
Tel Aviv	60	11-18	19
B-G Airport	60	11-17	19
Jericho	78	13-20	22
Gaza	63	14-18	19
Beer-Sheva	73	10-16	18
Eilat	31	13-22	23

ARIDOR

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secretariat chairmanship, one of the most influential party posts in Herut five months ago, when he quit as finance minister. But his resignation was never formally ratified by the Herut executive.

Since then the major factions in Herut have seemed poised for an all-out battle over the post, which each faction considered too valuable to allow to fall into rival hands. To prevent a clash, faction leaders sought to persuade Aridor to return, since he is acceptable to all groups.

Aridor finally agreed. But all sides had forgotten about the acting chairman, and Livni now refuses to agree to Aridor's return. MKs Meir Shitrit and David Magen have appealed to Shamir to involve himself in the controversy, presumably to put Livni in his place.

Deputy ministers Dov Shilansky, Michael Dekel and Moshe Katsav, who attended yesterday's secretariat session, were appointed to find a way out of the impasse. Former defence minister Ariel Sharon also attended the meeting and expressed support for Aridor.

COHEN-ORGAD

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yesterday on Gali Tzahal, the Israel Defence Forces radio. Tichon said he expected to see such policies implemented.

Meanwhile, Cohen-Orgad is to consider cancelling the compulsory deposit on goods imported to this country by importers. He made this promise at a recent meeting with Avner Ben-Yakar, Chairman of the Federation of Israeli Chambers of Commerce.

Ben-Yakar pointed out that since the compulsory deposit was introduced on June 1, 1983, inflation had risen from 100-120 per cent a year to about 400 per cent a year. In the past, the importer would deposit a specific amount with the Finance Ministry for one year. At the end of this time, he would receive it back. Since inflation was running at about 100 per cent, he would receive back only half the original purchasing power of his deposit. This forced him to pass on his loss to his customers, which increased the price of imported goods considerably.

Ben-Yakar said that "at present, the importer gets back only about one-fifth of the original value of his deposit, and this forces up the price of goods considerably."

HOME NEWS

Canadian Jews find Falashas' lot not so bad

By DAVID LANDAU
Post Diplomatic Correspondent

The Jews in Ethiopia (Falashas) "do not live worse," than other sections of the population. This is the key finding of a Canadian B'nai B'rith fact-finding mission just back from a visit to Gondar province, one of the areas where Falashas live.

The mission, which included the president of Canadian B'nai B'rith, Don Jubas, and the executive vice-president, Frank Dimant, issued a harsh rebuttal of the "biased and tainted" reporting of other pro-Falasha groups in North America, notably the Canadian Association for Ethiopian Jewry and the American Association for Ethiopian Jewry. They dismissed a controversial film on the Falashas, recently screened for Knesset members and journalists in Jerusalem, as "a diatribe against Israel."

The film, *The Falashas*, was made some 18 months ago by a former Israeli now living in Canada, Simha Jacobovici. It accuses the Israel government of inaction and ineffectiveness in rescuing the Falashas and portrays their plight in Ethiopia and in refugee camps in neighbouring Sudan as desperate.

The film and the controversy surrounding it were widely reported in the Canadian news media. Jacobovici charged earlier this month that the government was suppressing his film and preventing its general release or showing on television.

The Canadian B'nai B'rith mission went to Ethiopia with the encouragement of the Israel

government — and they did not hide this from the Ethiopian authorities. Says Jubas: "We were warmly welcomed by the Ethiopian authorities, who knew we had come from Israel and were going back through Israel, and that we had come to see the situation of the Falashas."

They visited three villages in Gondar province: Wallaka, Ambover and the more remote Abu Antonis.

They found, says Jubas, "no specifically anti-Jewish legislation or discrimination. That is important in view of the wrong information that is being fed to the media."

Jubas continues: "One has to understand the special situation. There are civil wars going on — and that means military draft, not just for the Jews but for everyone."

"The Marxist government, moreover, functions on the premise that no one wants to leave. And indeed no one is allowed to leave..."

Jubas and the other mission members said it was crucially important for other Jewish groups to follow in their footsteps. They described the excitement and enthusiasm their visit had occasioned among the Falasha villagers — and their own emotions at feeling a bond of nationhood over a cultural gulf of centuries.

It is "very difficult logically to get (the Falashas) out," Jubas stressed. "Israel is doing what can be done."

The interview with Jubas and his fellow mission members took place in the Foreign Ministry's World Jewish Affairs Division, settlements have been allowed to renew the rental automatically. The other six million dunams of agricultural and grazing land available to Israeli farmers are rented on a long-term basis.

An Agriculture Ministry source said that Grupper had stopped the automatic renewals in order to carry out an agrarian reform. The source said that many veteran moshavim and kibbutzim have proportionately more land than younger settlements, and giving the provisional land to the younger settlements will help them overcome their financial problems.

Jewish settlers fear that Grupper's order will trigger demands by Arabs for the lands, now in Jewish hands, and that Grupper may be tempted to rent the lands to speculators who will sublease them to Arabs. The ministry source said the lands will remain in Jewish hands.

Labour Knesset Member Avraham Katz-Oz sharply criticized Grupper's move as an election stratagem. Katz-Oz, himself a member of Kibbutz Nahal Oz, said kibbutzim and moshavim whose livelihood depends on the lands will

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However, a United Kibbutz Movement spokesman said movement leaders had heard of the order for the first time from the radio, and the movement could not make an official response until it received more information.

Grupper land rental freeze called election stratagem

By YITZHAK OKED
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Agriculture Minister Pessah Grupper yesterday ordered the Israel Lands Authority to stop automatically renewing rental of 800,000 dunams of national land. The move was promptly criticized by settlement groups as a pre-election ploy.

The lands, situated throughout the country and referred to as provisional agricultural land has been rented on an annual basis to kibbutzim, veteran moshavim and private farmers for many years, but

settlements have been allowed to renew the rental automatically. The other six million dunams of agricultural and grazing land available to Israeli farmers are rented on a long-term basis.

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Mass demonstration today of Hassidim in Jerusalem

By MICHAEL EILAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A mass demonstration organized by Herut Hassidim is expected to stop all traffic in a major thoroughfare of Jerusalem today.

The demonstration was called by the Herut Rebbe, Rabbi Simha Bunim Alter, to protest against Sabbath desecration, abortion, and desecration of graves. The rebbe is apparently particularly incensed by Sabbath desecration in the Tel-Aviv area, where a large show of strength today may increase calls for internal elections in Aguda branches. But even groups not involved directly in Aguda politics are expected to support today's demonstration.

Police spokesman Rafi Levi said last night that traffic around "Kikar Shabbat" in Gula will be closed from 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The

preliminary police estimates said that at least 10,000 people were expected to attend the demonstration, but other estimates are that as many as 30,000 people may come.

Sources close to the Gur court said the demonstration was called because of these issues only. But other sources said this week that the Gur Hassidim might benefit directly if many people attended today's demonstration. These sources said the Gur Hassidim have been complaining of "underrepresentation" in Aguda's Yisrael, and that a large show of strength today may increase calls for internal elections in Aguda branches. But even groups not involved directly in Aguda politics are expected to support today's demonstration.

'Abrasha' Tamir allegedly won't return IDF documents

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The former head of the National Security Unit at the Defence Ministry, Aluf Avraham Tamir, allegedly possesses and has refused to return classified Israel Defence Forces documents, including some relating to the Lebanon War, Israel Television reported last night.

Despite several requests by the chief of staff to return the documents Tamir, in Washington as a consultant to the Rand Corporation, has refused to return the documents, some of them top secret, the TV's military correspondent said.

Tamir has denied that he has the

documents in his possession.

Tamir also allegedly met in private for two hours with Egyptian Foreign Affairs Secretary Butros Ghali, without obtaining permission, the TV alleged. Tamir denies this, saying that he simply entered a meeting in order to greet Ghali.

Tamir, who is due to resign from the IDF soon, in effect headed a shadow general staff under former defence minister Ariel Sharon. He was relieved of his duties and the unit "disbanded" when Defence Minister Moshe Arens took over.

Tamir will reportedly join Ezer Weizman's new party.

NAVON RETURNS

(Continued from Page One)

Navon's main supporter in Labour, said he believes "Navon will not announce on his return that he is going to challenge Peres for the Labour leadership. It seems more likely that he is out to achieve a truce in Labour and an arrangement whereby all forces will unite in a leadership team."

"I'm not sure that Navon is ready to fight for the Labour leadership. I wish I were convinced that Navon as number two in Labour is worth as much as in the number-one position. As party leader, he might bring us from five to six more Knesset seats. But the one who is ready for the challenge is Baran and not Navon," Baran commented.

Labour Party chairman Shimon Peres said last night that his party is more popular than any of the candidates for its leadership. Peres told 600 people at a Jerusalem Kadima-sponsored meeting at Beit Eliehuva that he would welcome Yitzhak Navon "as a friend" to the leadership ranks, "but I hope we will save ourselves a competition."

Peres promised that in national elections, Labour will not engage in bitter polemics nor will it have a negative platform. "We shall do our best not to split the country," he said, adding "the campaign is a debate, not a confrontation."

In the Likud, sources close to Levy stressed that he has not closed any option, and much depends on the election date and on his talks with Shamir. Levy told a closed meeting of his supporters yesterday that he will "do everything for the party's good. I will do nothing whatever that could in any way harm the Likud's chances at the polls." He added that he will not be dictated to, but called on party members "not to undermine the position of those in power."

Likud ministers met again in Shamir's office yesterday, and were

unable to agree on a date for the elections. Suggestions ranged from June 30, the third anniversary of the 1981 elections, to early July, September, October and even November.

Shamir yesterday dismissed the proposal made on Sunday by Minister without Portfolio Ariel Sharon that the winner in any battle for the Herut leadership become the party's candidate for premier, the runner-up be given the foreign affairs portfolio and that the third be promised the defence ministry.

Some Herut members called for abrogation of the 1965 Gahal agreement, which fixes the ratio of Herut to Liberal MKs. The Herut members argue the agreement gives "gross over-representation" to the Liberals who won 18 Knesset seats in the 1981 elections — chiefly a result of voter support for Herut, it is generally agreed.

The Liberals have also been responsible for hitches in the Likud governments and for parliamentary troubles, due to constant internal struggles.

Voices in Herut calling for termination of the Gahal agreement argue there is a growing likelihood that the Alignment will form the next government and that the "unreliable Liberals, elected by Herut votes, are capable of defecting to the Labour-led coalition in return for various promises and cabinet posts." The fear in Herut is that Labour's idea of a national-unity government will be some deal with the Liberals, to the exclusion of Herut.

Some in Herut now seek to prevent this by running without the Liberals. They argue Herut on its own will get as many votes as the whole Likud bloc. But it is considered unlikely that Shamir will court more headaches by seeking to update the agreement with the Liberals.

Soviet police charged with anti-Semitism

Mezuzot were recently torn from the doorposts of seven Jewish families in Odessa by Soviet police, who also confiscated tefillin and holy books, according to Jewish Agency Executive Chairman Arye Dulzin.

He was commenting yesterday on an apparent increase in antisemitic activity in Russia. Soviet law, he said, does not prohibit the display of mezuzot or the use of tefillin and prayerbooks. The police action has created fear among the 100,000 Jews of Odessa, he continued. He called on the new Soviet leader, Konstantin Chernenko, to put an end to the anti-Semitic actions.

Driver hits child, abandons him on way to hospital

TEL AVIV (Itim). — Police here last night were searching for a driver who struck and seriously injured a child, and then abandoned him after a passerby who witnessed the accident put the injured child in the driver's car to take him to hospital.

The child, seven-year-old Matityahu Yezdi, was struck by a beige Volvo. The child was put in the car by the passerby, but the driver, after several blocks, dumped the child on the sidewalk and drove off.



Yekutiel Godinsky.

(Israeli)

Kach men charged with wounding Arabs

Four American olim were yesterday charged in the Jerusalem District Court with violence against local Arabs in Ramallah, Hebron and Jerusalem. They were remanded in custody until next Wednesday.

The four, Meir Leibowitz, Hazan Levy, Yehuda Richter and Yekutiel Godinsky, were charged with wounding six Arabs when they fired on a bus near Ramallah, burning an Arab bus in Hebron and throwing petrol-bombs at Arab homes in East Jerusalem.

According to the prosecution, all four are members of Meir Kahane's Kach movement. A fifth person, Craig Laitner, who has turned state's evidence, is also said to be a member. He will be called as a prosecution witness and will be permitted to return to the U.S. when he has given his evidence.

The prosecution said that by next Wednesday it will ask to have the four suspects detained until the end of their trial. (Itim)

Top Tel Aviv policeman back at work after probe

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The deputy commander of the elite Central Unit of the police here was back at work yesterday after having been interrogated on Sunday at national police headquarters on suspicion of receiving benefits and favours from a state's witness.

Sgt. Nitzav Moshe Friedman, 39, is acting head of the unit since its commander, Nitzav Mishne Asaf Hefetz, was suspended earlier this month on suspicion of leaking information to the press about the Temple Mount investigation.

Friedman is suspected of having received gifts from Shimon Gruber, a state's witness at the trial of

Shlomo Shalit. Shalit, a former officer at the central unit, was sentenced to five years in jail for stealing foreign currency and jewels worth \$70,000 from the home of an elderly man who had been murdered.

Before his interrogation Sunday, Friedman was taken by detectives to his home in Ramat Hasharon. There five oil paintings were confiscated, on suspicion that Friedman received them illegally from Gruber.

After his interrogation, which lasted several hours, Friedman was permitted to resume his duties. Police sources said the investigation is continuing, however.

Ministries ask for more in budget meeting

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter

Approval of budget for the Religious Affairs, Labour and Agriculture Ministries was delayed yesterday as coalition members of the Knesset Finance Committee demanded additional sums totalling over IS4 billion.

During yesterday's meeting, Agudat Yisrael requested, through committee chairman Shlomo Lorincz an additional IS1 billion for yeshivot. Tami did not agree to this, and at the same time Aharon

Abuhazzeira said that additional funds were needed by the Labour Ministry.

Also demanding more money was the National Religious Party. Eliezer Avtali, who said that some IS3b. are needed for farmers and exporters of agricultural products.

Lorincz yesterday told The Jerusalem Post that the IS1b. he demanded for yeshivot was not included in the Religious Affairs Ministry budget due to a technical error, which should be corrected.

Meir Zorea ends term as defence controller

TEL AVIV (Itim). — Aluf (Res.) Meir Zorea yesterday wound up his three-year term as controller of the defence establishment. Defence Minister Moshe Arens paid tribute to Zorea's work at a ceremony at his bureau, attended by Chief of Staff Rav-Aluf Moshe Levy, senior Israel

Defence Forces officers and ministry heads.

Zorea's last big job was to head an investigation committee into the Tyre disaster in November 1982, in which 89 persons lost their lives in a gas explosion. He is returning to his kibbutz, Maagan Michael.

'Molotovs' and rocks on peace anniversary

Numerous disturbances in Samaria, including throwing of rocks and Molotov cocktails by local Arabs, marked the fifth anniversary of the signing of the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty yesterday.

An Israeli soldier was slightly injured yesterday in Nablus by rocks thrown by local youths.

Rocks were also thrown at an Eg-

Kalkiya and at Border Police patrols near the Balata refugee camp. Molotov cocktails were thrown at another Border Guard patrol near the Nur al-Sham refugee camp, and shots were fired at a bus carrying soldiers near Anabta.

A demonstration by high-school students was dispersed in Bitunya yesterday morning by security forces. (Itim)

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Haifa University to fire 50-100 academic staff

By DAVID RUDGE
Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — At least 50 of the 350 academic staff at Haifa University are to lose their jobs from the start of the new academic year in October. The final number could be as high as 100, Rector Prof. Uriel Rappaport told The Jerusalem Post yesterday.

"He said the proposed dismissals, which would affect only non-tenured staff, had been forced on the university by government financing restrictions."

"The university had been ordered to cut \$2 million from its \$25m. budget for 1984/85. About half of this sum will be saved by cutting the 50 posts."

Rappaport said it might be necessary to cut as many as 50 more jobs by not renewing contracts if the reduction target is not reached by other means.

"The university's academic staff union said it would 'do its utmost' to fight the dismissals, taking strike action if necessary."

"The chairman of the organization, which represents all lecturers and professors at the university,

Prof. Gad Gilber, said the cutbacks would have 'disastrous effects' on the university. "The public should realize that it takes between 10 and 15 years for a faculty member to get tenure. Since most of the people threatened with dismissal do not have tenure, they will not get an agora if their contracts are terminated," he said.

Rappaport said the decision to cut staff had been a heart-rending one. He pledged that the university would make every effort to ensure that no more than 50 workers are laid off. The final decision, however, will depend on whether cuts can be made in other areas, "which have already been pared to the bone."

He said the cutbacks will mean that fewer students will be admitted to the university next year and there will be fewer courses to choose from.

He declined to specify which departments would be affected, because a final decision has not yet been reached.

Rappaport warned that the cutbacks could lead to a "brain drain," with many younger professors seeking jobs abroad.



Shimon Barda

Police ask public to help find suspect

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The police yesterday appealed for the public's help in finding Shimon Barda, the man suspected of planning the attack on the Temple Mount.

The police warned that Barda is dangerous and may be armed. He is 25 years old, 1.78 metres tall, and has black hair and brown eyes.

The police believe that Barda is the man who obtained the vast quantity of arms the "Lifta Gang" stockpiled before the attempted attack on the Dome of the Rock and al-Aksa Mosque earlier this year.

Anybody with information on Barda's whereabouts should call the special team investigating the case in Jerusalem or any police station.

Bid today to halt Haifa hospital closure

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Representatives of the staff of the Rothschild Hospital are to meet Health Minister Eliezer Shostak today in an eleven-hour bid to avert the closure of the hospital.

They will demand that his ministry reinstate the \$1.5 million it was expected to allocate in next year's budget towards completing the 400-bed hospital's west-wing project.

Rothschild doctors' committee chairman Dr. Yitzhak Horowitz told a meeting of the Haifa Labour Council secretariat yesterday that staff could not take responsibility for the welfare of patients if work on the west-wing project was stopped and the building left unguarded.

Council secretary Moshe Wertman said it was a scandal for the government to give \$1 billion to Agudat Yisrael yeshivot at the expense of the Rothschild hospital, which daily handles life and death cases.

The council decided to establish a special sub-committee to pressure the Health Ministry to continue funding the west-wing project.

Kahane causes Law Committee storm

By ASHER WALLFISH
Post Knesset Correspondent

The appearance of Kach leader Meir Kahane at the Knesset Constitution, Legislation and Law Committee yesterday as an invited guest caused a walk out by three Alignment members.

Kahane himself walked out after he demanded to speak 30 minutes and was offered only 20 minutes by chairman Eli Kulas. Kulas had invited Kahane to attend the meeting.

The committee was considering motions referred to it from the plenum calling for Kach to be outlawed.

Labour's Haim Ramon said that persons with a criminal record should not be invited to speak at Knesset committees. Deputy Minister Dov Shilansky replied that while he disagreed with Kahane's views, an invited guest could not be expelled from the meeting.

Despite the Alignment protests, Kulas said he would allow Kahane to have the floor, but the two men then disagreed about Kahane's time allowance and Kahane left without speaking.

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National clean-up drive to begin on April 2

By GREER FAY CASHMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A 100-day national clean-up campaign will begin on April 2, with heavy fines to be imposed on litter-bugs.

The campaign will be headed by Minister without Portfolio Sarah Doron. Doron, aided by Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek, will launch the campaign next Monday morning with a clean-up at Jerusalem's Citadel ("Tower of David").

"Israel is a beautiful country, but it can also be a clean country," she told a press conference yesterday. "We can change things radically by educating people to be more conscious of the environment."

Doron said her long-range goal is to clean up human behavioural patterns, and to discourage dirty language and other forms of rudeness. But she admitted that "it



The Operation Clean Sweep emblem, urging the public to use their own hands to keep the country clean, was designed by Assaf Burg.

will take more than a hundred days to change bad habits."

Doron has enlisted the cooperation of all local authorities and will work with her two chief lieutenants, Uri Marinov, chief of environmental affairs in the Interior Ministry, and Uri Beidats, director of the Nature Preserves Authority, on riding the country of its litter.

She said it will be the biggest clean-up campaign in Israel's history. It will be coordinated by senior officials of the Interior, Health and Tourism Ministries; local authorities; Society for the Protection of Nature; the Council for a Beautiful Israel; and numerous other bodies.

An extensive publicity campaign to promote a cleaner Israel includes a service broadcast featuring a jingle written by Dan Almagor.

Wages worth 12% less than last summer

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Salaries are worth 12 per cent less than they were last summer, according to a report issued by the Institute for Incomes and Productivity and made public at a news conference yesterday.

The Institute is a joint agency of the Histadrut, the employers and the government. Its job is to provide data on trends in salaries and productivity as a basis for negotiating labour contracts.

Dr. Moshe Sikron, the government's chief statistician, explained the real value of salaries had eroded by 15 per cent. But 3 per cent of this was covered by the "erosion in-

crement" and cost-of-living paid over the past few months.

He said that if 1981-82 salaries were used as the basis of comparison instead of those paid between July and September 1983, the erosion would be 5 per cent in most sectors. It would only be 2 per cent in the public sector, because of large salary increases public employees received at the beginning of 1983.

Yisrael Medan, director of the Labour Productivity Institute, said production increased by 143 per cent in 1983 but labour costs were up 152 per cent without inflation being taken into account. In the last

quarter of 1983 production increased by 44 per cent — 2 per cent in real terms.

Medan said the cost-of-living increments covered only 79.1 per cent of the rise in the cost-of-living in 1983. This is because inflation toward the end of the year was greater than at the beginning. In 1981, when that trend was reversed, the cost-of-living increment covered 82 per cent of the increase.

Neither Sikron nor Medan was willing to predict how the forthcoming elections, or the data itself, would influence the soon-to-be-negotiated wage agreements.

Herzog tells Emunah women to denounce extremism

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Moderate, national-religious Jews in Israel should denounce extremism in the Orthodox camp and, through tolerance and good example, the various sectors of the population.

This was the call made by President Chaim Herzog yesterday, in a speech at the 50th anniversary conference of Emunah-Israel, the National Religious women's organization, which opened at Jerusalem's Binyanei HaUma.

Herzog said that of late, Jews who masquerade as observant have used the Torah for their own ends and brought shame on tradition.

Since religious-secular divisions are the "most serious" facing the country, he urged the Emunah movement to discuss the problem during its two-day convention, which continues today at Beit Meir and Hechal Shlomo in the capital.

Education and Culture Minister Zevulun Hammer, obviously with an eye on the perilous electoral future of his National Religious Party, called on Zionist-religious Jews to create "a new heart," and to reach out to others who hold different beliefs.

Mapam students at Haifa U. protest suspension

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — Mapam students at Haifa University yesterday called for the reinstatement of Munir Makhoul, chairman of the Arab Students' Committee, who was suspended last week by the university disciplinary court.

He was found guilty of attacking the university's dean of students, Dr. Yonathan Gally, during a lecture by former defence minister Ariel Sharon at the university on January 19.

Makhoul, who denied the charges and alleged he had been victimized by the dean, was suspended until the end of the semester. The university spokeswoman said Makhoul had been informed by the university authorities that he could appeal if he thought there had been a miscarriage of justice. So far he had not done so.

Soviet olim attend seminar on religion

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

More must be done to help the Jews still in the Soviet Union to study about their Jewish heritage in order to strengthen their ties to Israel, President Chaim Herzog said yesterday.

The president was speaking at a Beit Hanassi reception for 100 Russian olim who had just finished participating in a three-day seminar in Jerusalem on religious and general Jewish topics. The lectures were organized for the second year in a row by Geshet Hateshuva ("Bridge of Return"), a self-help organization of Russian olim interested in their religious and cultural heritage.

The seminar, named in honour of Prisoner of Zion Yosef Begun who is imprisoned for his struggle to teach Hebrew, was led by Rabbi Uzi Kalcheim and included lectures by veteran olim from the Soviet Union.

Court halts banishment of Fatah man

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Attorney Lea Tzmel yesterday obtained an interim injunction from the High Court of Justice forbidding the banishment of Abu Ali Shahin.

Shahin is being kept incommunicado in a Beduin village near the Gaza District and the authorities have said they would banish him on March 6. Shahin was released two years ago from jail where he served a 15-year term for being a Fatah commander.

Tzmel also asked the High Court for an order nisi calling on the head of the civilian administration in the Gaza District to show cause why Shahin should not be granted an identity card. Israeli authorities contend that Shahin is being banished because he never had the right to live in the administered territories since he was not registered in the 1967 census. Shahin and Tzmel maintain that he was registered and wish to prove this in court.

A three-member bench will decide whether to issue the order nisi requested by Tzmel. Until that decision the authorities have been forbidden from banishing him.

Jerusalem conference focuses on immigrant youth

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Millions of immigrant children are posing educational and social problems for host countries around the globe. Prof. Harry Passow of Columbia University said yesterday in the opening address of an international conference on "Educational and Cultural Transition — the Case of Immigrant Youth."

Participants in the conference, being held at Hebrew University as part of Youth Aliya's 50th anniversary celebration, include leading educators from India, Australia, the U.S., the United Kingdom, Germany and Holland.

Passow gave the example of Texas schools, which had been ordered by U.S. federal courts to provide suitable education for children of illegal Mexican immigrants. He also said the European Economic Community had issued directives to member nations urging that migrant workers' children be taught in their native tongues.

Henry Tugener, president of the International Federation of Children's Communities, praised the model of integration of immigrant and disadvantaged youth provided by Youth Aliya.

Ort prepares B. Ed. programme

By LEAH LEVAVI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Ort is now preparing Israel's first bachelor's degree-level teacher-training programme for teachers in technological education, director-general Yisrael Guralnik announced at a press conference yesterday.

There is a shortage of more than 600 teachers in such fields as electronics, mechanics and plastics, he said.

The programme being planned by a Hebrew University committee will be a four-year, B.Ed. course. It will comprise a two-year practical-engineering course (already offered at Ort and other technological colleges) plus two years of teacher training.

The Council for Higher Education will have to approve the

programme before degrees can be granted, but Guralnik said that both the council and the Education and Culture Ministry favour the idea and will probably approve the proposals when they are formally submitted.

Ort plans to offer the programme first at its college in Jerusalem, later at the Yad Syngalowski College in Tel Aviv and then at the International Technological College Ort is building in Carmiel.

Next week will be Ort Week, during which Ort schools will be open to prospective pupils and their parents, and Ort pupils will visit the industrial plants in which they may someday work.

The week is an effort to "sell" technological education in preparation for high-school registration, and also to raise money for Ort.

Notice of sale of the Vessel, Elcomec I

- On March 15, 1984, the district Court of Haifa, in its capacity as the Maritime Court of the State of Israel, ordered the sale of the vessel, ELCOMEC I, flying the Lebanese flag and presently in the port of Haifa, Israel (under the arrest of the said Court since March 10, 1984), and has appointed the undersigned as receiver of the vessel, granting him, inter alia, authority for carrying out the sale of the vessel.
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Results unclear in Salvador poll

SAN SALVADOR (Reuters). — Christian Democrat Jose Napoleon Duarte said yesterday he won El Salvador's presidential election, which had been disrupted by confusion, charges of fraud and a row which ruled out an early indication of official results.

Duarte, a former president, said his party had taken 45 per cent of the vote against 27 per cent to Roberto D'Aubuisson's extreme right-wing Nationalist Republican Alliance (Arena) in Sunday's poll.

His claim, announced at a midnight press conference, was based on a sample of 170,000 votes. If verified, this would mean that a runoff would be necessary in April or May since none of the eight candidates reached the 50 per cent majority required for outright victory.

Procedural confusion and

logistical problems, blamed partly on a power blackout caused by guerrilla sabotage, provoked near-chaos as tens of thousands among the 2.5 million voters tried in vain to cast their compulsory ballot.

There were charges that extreme rightists were involved in coercion and ballot-stuffing, and civil-war violence went on unabated.

Full election results were not expected for at least 72 hours after the chief election computer consultant, Morgan Bojorges, resigned over accusations that he favoured the Arena party.

Duarte blamed "bad administration" for the widespread disarray in which many polling stations lacked ballot boxes, ballot papers and in some cases ballot officials.

He said Francisco Guerrero's

right-of-centre National Conciliation party came third with 20 per cent of the vote and five smaller parties shared the remainder.

Duarte described the preliminary results as a rejection of "the Nazi fascist plans" of Arena, whose leader has been publicly accused of having links with El Salvador's notorious right-wing death-squads.

While D'Aubuisson has pledged to crush leftist guerrillas within two months, Duarte has said the elections would not end the war.

The guerrillas of the Farabundo Mari National Liberation Front (FMLN) boycotted the poll, saying it was "a farce" imposed by the U.S. and would not solve the country's complex economic, social and political problems.

They have pledged to continue fighting after the elections.

Saudi Arabia may make army compulsory

RIVADH (AP). — Saudi Arabia's King Fahd was yesterday quoted here as declaring that his government was studying the introduction of military conscription for the first time.

The kingdom would thus be the second of the Arab conservative states in the oil-rich Gulf region, after Kuwait, to consider the draft.

Kuwait's Defence Minister Sheikh Salem al-Sabah announced last week that his country had launched a nationwide registration programme for citizens as well as expatriate residents as part of a public mobilization plan aimed at testing the country's defence potential.

Fahd made the disclosure about the draft in an overnight meeting with the teaching staff and students of King Faisal University in the eastern province.

Nato admirals want right to fire first shot

BRUSSELS (Reuters). — Nato commanders want radical changes in the rules of naval warfare to allow allied ships to fire the first shot at a potential aggressor, but several allies strongly oppose the move, Nato sources said yesterday.

The alliance's Atlantic commander, U.S. Admiral Wesley McDonald, and British Admiral Sir William Staveley had proposed far-reaching reforms of the "rules of engagement" to enable Nato ships and aircraft to launch a pre-emptive strike if threatened, the sources said.

At present, Nato forces may return enemy fire only in keeping with the alliance's proclaimed defensive strategy.

The U.S. backs the admirals' proposals, the sources said. However, the German Federal Republic, Canada, Denmark and the Netherlands oppose the idea of Nato firing the first shot under any

circumstances because, they say, it is an unacceptable departure from alliance principles.

The two admirals are pressing for new rules of engagement because they say that modern long-range attack capabilities make the current rules a possibly suicidal strait-jacket, the sources said.

Drawing on lessons from the 1982 British-Argentine Falklands war and a 1981 Mediterranean clash between the U.S. and Libya, the two Nato admirals sought greater rights to enforce a maritime exclusion zone by firing on ships or aircraft entering a Nato-proclaimed prohibited area.

Nato commanders fear that Soviet intelligence vessels that follow allied warships during maneuvers, often disguised as trawlers, could set up a pinpoint strike unless they were stopped in time, according to the sources.

Sports

World Cup fix down under

Post Sports Staff

Ignoring Israel's outstanding complaint about both tournaments being played so far from home, Australian and New Zealand football associations have fixed dates for the pre-1986 World Cup qualifying matches in the Oceania group in which four nations — Israel, Australia, New Zealand and Taiwan — have been designated to compete.

Israel, dismayed about being shut out to the Oceania group rather than included in European competition, is still seeking to have one of the two round-robin competitions played here. That hope now seems rather forlorn. Representatives of the four countries will gather in Zurich in May to finalize details which were unveiled in Sydney yesterday.

The arrangement was concocted there during the staging of one tournament in New Zealand from October 5th to 13th, 1983 during which each country will play the other. The series will be in Australia at the end of the next month.

Only one team will advance from the group but will still have to meet the runners-up of one of the seven European groups to secure a place in the Mexico City finals the following summer.

Hapoel Haifa push Hapoel Tel Aviv to third game

Post Sports Staff

With a stunning second half display which gave them a 85-79 victory Hapoel Haifa forced the more fancied Hapoel Tel Aviv to a third play-off game to establish which club finishes (overall) third behind Maccabi Tel Aviv and Hapoel Ramat Gan in the final standings of the Israel basketball league. The decider will be tomorrow night in Tel Aviv.

Tel Aviv, who won last week's first game 86-85 after a half, played a superb second half, scoring 22 points.

In the NBA, Moses Malone demonstrated on Sunday night that he lives by a simple rule — never give up a rebound especially on the offensive boards. He scored 31 points and hauled down 21 rebounds — an NBA season high — as his heroics combined with 22 points from Julius Erving to pace the Philadelphia 76ers to a 119-114 double overtime win over the Boston Celtics.

Elsewhere, the Los Angeles Lakers edged the San Diego Clippers 114-102, the New York Knicks beat the New York Islanders 2-1, the Chicago Bulls edged the Seattle Mariners 101-99 and the Cleveland Cavaliers beat the Washington Bullets 101-96.

Five teams have already clinched playoff berths — Boston and Philadelphia in the Atlantic Division (though the Celtics are game clear), Milwaukee and Detroit in the Central, and Los Angeles in the (WC) Pacific Division.

Jewish Olympians to be highlighted in LA

By TOM TUGEND

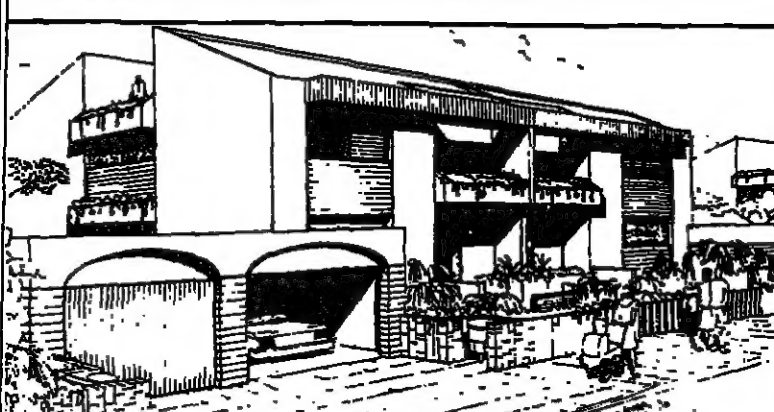
Jerusalem Post Correspondent LOS ANGELES. — The Southern California Jewish Historical Society is planning an exhibit on "Jewish Olympians" to be one of the concurrent attractions to the summer Olympics which take place here in July and August. The display will spotlight the athletic feats over the ages of Jews of all nationalities.

Since the beginning of the modern Olympics in 1896, 130 Jews from 17 nations have won a total of 210 medals, according to Dr. George Eisen, a professor of sports history here. Harold Abrahams won the 100 metre sprint for Great Britain in Paris in 1924 has gained renewed fame since the world-wide success of the feature film "Chariots of Fire" but the most successful individual Jewish sportsman has undoubtedly been the American swimmer Mark Spitz who came away with seven gold medals at the Munich Games in 1972.

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Turkish Moslem students in protest

ANKARA (Reuters). — More than 1,000 Moslem students at Ankara University's divinity faculty boycotted classes yesterday in protest against an order banning women students from wearing headscarves, faculty officials said.

They said the Supreme Education Council had ordered the ban from yesterday, in line with state secularism initiated by the founder of the Turkish Republic, Mustafa Kemal Ataturk.

Dozens of women wearing scarves and long coats, unusual garb for Turkish women, milled around outside the faculty, but they were not admitted.

Egyptian court won't deal with Sadat film

CAIRO (AP). — The Misdemeanors Court yesterday ruled that a suit filed against Columbia pictures of the U.S. for producing a controversial film about Egypt and late president Anwar Sadat was outside its jurisdiction.

Presiding Judge Mohammed Fathi Khalil, in an explanatory note copies of which were made available to reporters, said the court was not competent to rule because the process of making and screening the four-hour television series *Sadat* took place outside Egypt.

Thatcher's son takes new overseas position

LONDON (AP). — Mark Thatcher, son of Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, has landed a job directing sales of British sports cars in America, his spokesman, David Boddy, said Sunday.

Boddy said Thatcher, 30, has been appointed a director of Lotus Performance Cars, a privately owned U.S. company which imports the British autos.

Thatcher's mother is under fire from opposition legislators for refusing to answer questions about her son's role in a £300 million contract secured by a British company to build a university and hospital in Oman.

ARAFAT. — PLO chief Yasser Arafat arrived in Algiers yesterday for talks with President Chadli Benjedid and government leaders, the Algerian news agency reported.

U.S. consul in Strasbourg slightly injured by gunman

STRASBOURG, France (AP). — The U.S. consul general in this eastern French city suffered superficial wounds when a gunman fired five shots at him yesterday morning, police said.

Robert Onan Homme, 43, was only slightly injured in the face, neck and chest by three of the small-caliber bullets fired through the windows of his car, Strasbourg's Haute Pierre hospital said.

No surgery was needed, no permanent damage is expected and he is being held only for observation, the hospital said. The U.S. Embassy in Paris confirmed that Homme was only slightly wounded.

He was taken to the hospital.

Turkish ruling party wins local polls

ANKARA (Reuters). — Partial results from local elections in Turkey showed Prime Minister Turgut Ozal's conservative Motherland Party had achieved a convincing victory.

With one fifth of the votes counted, the prime minister's party had taken 43.1 per cent, and was well ahead in the race for the big city mayorships of Istanbul, Ankara and Izmir, according to the semi-official Anatolian News Agency. The party had won a big majority of

those mayorships and local councils seats already declared, the agency reported.

Returns from industrial areas helped the Social Democrat Party but still left it trailing with 23.5 per cent. In third place was the rightist True Path Party with 15.2 per cent.

Political analysts said it was clear Ozal had roundly defeated the challenge from the Social Democrats and True Path, both barred from contesting last November's general election.

Hart wins Montana Democratic caucus

HELENA, Montana (Reuters). — A late campaign blitz paid off for Senator Gary Hart yesterday when he won Montana's Democratic presidential caucus.

Final returns reported by state Democrats gave the Colorado senator 6,810 votes, or 49 per cent, while former vice-president Walter Mondale received 4,929, or 35 per cent.

Jesse Jackson received 719 votes, or five per cent. Uncommitted votes accounted for nine per cent of the

ballots cast.

Mondale at the weekend defeated Hart in Kansas and Virginia caucuses to stay in the lead in the battle for the party's presidential nomination. But Jackson was challenging Mondale for victory in Virginia in polling due to have been completed yesterday.

In the past, Montana Democrats voted in an open primary. But the state's first caucus vote yesterday required a declaration of party affiliation.

China praises Japanese leader's visit

PEKING. — Japanese Prime Minister Yasuhiro Nakasone flew home yesterday after a four-day tour in which he welcomed warm relations with China but told Communist leaders they must provide better conditions before Japan

makes major commitments here. China's state-run press heaped praise on Nakasone, emphasized that China appreciated Japanese business.

Nakasone's entourage left Shanghai in the late afternoon

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Drinkers' delight

Several new wines and liqueurs have appeared on the local market recently. Post staffers took a sip or two.

Wine-making in a Besarabia Jewish agricultural settlement early this century. (Boris Hafele/Photo)



MMMM... INTERESTING," said one thoughtfully. "Vivacious," said another. "Virtue?" suggested a third and giggled.

The speakers were describing a young newcomer on the Israeli wine and dine scene. Not a dark hand-some stranger, but a full, dry red wine produced by Carmel from the last vintage of 1983.

Like the French Beaujolais Nouveau, Hilfulim wine matures swiftly and must be drunk within three months (according to the label — although on the invitation to the tasting session it said four months), if it is to retain its special fruity flavour. The new wine was exhibited, with masses of cheeses, pils and fruit, at the Tel Aviv Hilton where it was later auctioned off to wine buyers to ensure its speedy marketing.

The bottle's label has no date on it, so you might have trouble guessing when the three — or four — months are over.

The label does note that the grapes used to make this wine were first brought to Israel from France by the Crusaders. If this is true, then with a little more experience, Hilfulim wine should taste as good as its French colleague.

For some reason, the wine was served ice-cold, despite the customary serving of red wine at room temperature. Nobody seemed to mind, however, and the hundreds of revellers (hilfulim means feasting, rejoicing, revelling and praising) staggered around the ballroom with the ever-filled glasses in their hands.

One of the hotel's food and beverage experts volunteered a guess as to why the wine was so chilled: room temperature in fact reflects the cellar temperature, which is much cooler than the regular Israeli room. And if you compare a French cellar and an Israeli ballroom, the difference is even greater.

Besides, since this wine matured so quickly, it may still be in fermentation, and chilling it thoroughly delays the process of intoxication,

he said and stumbled away in a zig-zag.

A much older and well-known Israeli product is Sabra Liqueur, whose producers, International Distillers of Israel, have launched a campaign to reawaken local consumers interest in it. So after 17 years of seeing Sabra in duty-free shops and prestigious restaurants all over the world, Israelis are now learning of the many varied home uses hidden in the exotic Sabra bottle.

First of all, the orange and chocolate liqueur, identified everywhere in the world with the "spirit of Israel," is packaged in a replica of a bottle found by archaeologists, which had been in use 2,000 years ago in the days of David and Bat Sheba, Samson and Delila. Secondly, although not inferior in richness and delicate flavour to other (imported) liqueurs, it is cheaper. So its producers have changed the packaging to attract the eye and inserted a booklet of Sabra recipes into each box. Sabra stewardesses will demonstrate the liqueur's versatility in supermarket networks, cooking lessons and other forums.

Why should bars and restaurants serve Irish Coffee and Viennese Coffee (with Tia Maria in the coffee instead of the Irish Whiskey, under all that whipped cream), and not serve "Israeli Coffee?" Pour one and a half ounces of Sabra into a cup, add hot coffee and top with whipped cream. Sabra can also be poured onto ice-cream, mixed with orange juice for roast chicken dishes and used in many fish and meat creations.

The Scottish Trading Company, which markets Sabra in Israel (Seagrams market it abroad), recently held a lavish dinner to demonstrate the many uses of Sabra. The dinner was too crowded and noisy to enable the diners to concentrate on the food, every course of which was made with Sabra Liqueur. The Sabra was hardly noticeable in some dishes, such as

the salad, and I did not stay for the last course, which promised a Sabra and orange freeze in chocolate and strawberry sauce, because I figured that if they did not serve it an hour after the main course, they never would. A friend who stayed on, dying for coffee-with-Sabra which the menu promised, joined me later that night after not getting either dessert or the coffee. So if you use the recipe booklet, good luck and don't invite more people than you can handle.

MICHAEL YUDELMAN

ISRAELI DRINKING habits are changing.

Until the Yom Kippur war, resisters wanting to warm up, would take a slug of Israeli-made brandy. They were never heavy drinkers, preferring a soft drink to even beer.

But after 1973 more and more Israelis travelled abroad and started to develop new tastes.

During the late Seventies and early Eighties Israelis discovered whisky and hardly any party could take off without serving it straight or on the rocks.

Now this has changed, according to Gideon Kotler, managing director of Stock, the wine and spirit company. During the past 18 months vodka has become the most popular "heavy" drink.

I received confirmation of this during my recent reserve duty stint. I didn't notice any colleagues with whisky or brandy this winter. Most of them had vodka. Some had arak.

Asked if the popularity of vodka was due to the increased influence of Russian immigrants in recent years, Kotler said that might be a marginal reason. But he believed that it was mainly because vodka costs less than whisky or brandy. And vodka is a good mixer.

Many people still like to drink vodka straight, but there is a trend towards mixed drinks.

To boost this trend Stock, who makes vodka under the Keglevich label, has come out with several new lines. These include vodka with lemon, vodka with orange, and most

recently, vodka and grape-fruit juice.

This new drink is going to be exported to Italy as Vodka Al Pompelmo. Kotler is confident that it will be a big success.

During the past year the company's vodka sales have increased by about 40 per cent while brandies have gone up by 10 per cent.

Stock's wine sales are also up about 10 per cent, and Kotler expects that they will continue to grow this year. Israelis are now drinking more dry wines as well as the traditional sweet wines they enjoy on the Sabbath and holidays.

Kotler expects that the relatively dry winter will improve the quality of the wine grapes, but reduce the quantity. So this year should see some interesting wines.

THE ELIAZ Binyamina distiller and wine cellars have come out with two new white wines, an emerald riesling and fume blanc.

According to Moshe Kostelitz, the general manager, the quality of the wine grapes has improved during the past year. Although production of grapes for white wines has increased, he estimates that about 75 per cent of the wine grapes in Israel are used in red wines.

Kostelitz pointed out that the trend in the world is moving more and more towards dry white wines.

Asked why Eliaz wines do not carry the vintage year like others, sales manager Yehuda Levenberg said that in Israel, unlike France or Germany, the vintage year is not important. Levenberg claims that Israel has become like other Mediterranean countries that grow wine grapes. Spain, Italy and Israel irrigate the vineyards when the rains stop and because of this drought or rainy years do not make a difference like in France or Germany.

Kostelitz said that on Independence Day Eliaz will continue the tradition of opening their wineries' doors all day long. Visitors will be able to taste wines and buy at wholesale prices. YITZHAK OKED

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Karin McLean and some of her smorgasbord.



BEFORE AIRPORT personnel became security conscious it was fairly safe to arrive at the airport less than an hour before flight time.

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Only occasionally, if the flight was delayed, you sat around cooling your heels and heating your temper. Now, that's par for the course — and the waiting period has little to do with the rescheduling of flights. It's part of general security precautions which demand that sufficient time be allowed for luggage and body search, in addition to weighing in, check-in, customs declaration and duty free purchases.

There are three outlets for refreshments at Ben-Gurion Airport — all of them operated by Levy's Catering Ltd., which has held the airport concession since before 1948. Founded in 1940 by the late Harry and Rosa Levy, the company, originally registered as Palestine Hotel Management Ltd., is run by their son Kurt, who grew up in the catering business and was previously general manager of the Sharon Hotel, Herzliya and the Zion Hotel, Haifa.

This year, Levy's celebrates the 40th anniversary of its concession at Lod. Tenders for the concession are offered every 5-7 years. Levy's won the last bid in May, 1983, by little more than a whisker. Concessions are granted purely on commercial considerations. The difference in the price quoted by Levy's and its

closest rival was less than half a per cent.

Tough still capable of outbidding competition, Levy's put up with a lot of flak from customers who complain that prices are too high.

Kurt Levy contends that he can't lower his prices until the government lowers the various taxes and levies which account for more than 33 per cent of prices.

Unlike other Israeli retailers who adjust their prices daily in accordance with the dollar value of their merchandise, Levy has to absorb the cost of devaluation for three-month stints, unless the rise in the monthly cost-of-living index exceeds 10 per cent. If the index stays below the double digit mark for three months in a row, Levy says they operate at a loss.

Another problem is that few people in airports buy food because they're really hungry. Everyone knows that they'll get a snack, if not a full meal, in flight. The airport coffee shop and cafeteria are essentially time killers. Passengers sit down to eat and drink just to have something to do. They want something fast, light and attractively presented.

Sandwiches are the most popular solution — not just any old sandwiches, but smorgasbord.

According to Kurt Levy, the Israeli definition of a sandwich is a filling between two slices of bread. Israelis may select an item from the smorgasbord platter because of its visual appeal, but in the next breath, they ask for an extra slice of bread to cover it.

Smorgasbord was first served up by name in 1888 in the Davidson

family restaurant in Denmark. Karen McLean, one of the experts trained by Davidsons, was brought to Israel to train the staff at Levy's.

McLean does more than just arrange a few colourful ingredients over slices of white, rye or pumpernickel bread. (During Pessah matzot will be the baselines.) Colour, shape, texture and dimension figure prominently in her edible canvas. A large slice of smoked salmon rests invitingly on a bed of lettuce. To add to its allure, McLean has taken strips of the salmon and wound them around asparagus spears, garnished with a sprig of parsley or dillweed and placed them in a fan-shape across the surface. For just a little extra piquancy, she has taken fine slices of carambola, the tropical, deeply grooved sweet/sour fruit, which she slices into star shapes. The whole effect is completed with a twist of lemon or orange.

White and yellow cheeses, hard boiled and curried eggs, tuna and anchovy, herring, tomatoes, red peppers, radishes, green peppers and pickled cucumbers are some of the other ingredients which McLean combines to delight the eye and stimulate the palate. "She knows how to harmonise the most unlikely ingredients," says Levy, admiringly. "When something was wanted is not available, she switches easily to something else — perhaps a whole new creation. If I believed that we were in need of her services before she came? I'm doubly convinced after seeing and tasting what she can do. It was the best way of acquiring know-how based on local products. (Only the salmon and anchovy are imported.)"

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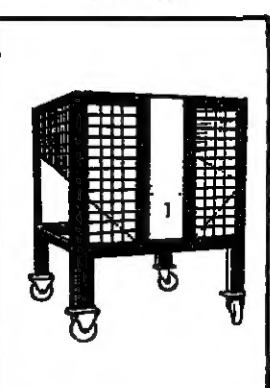
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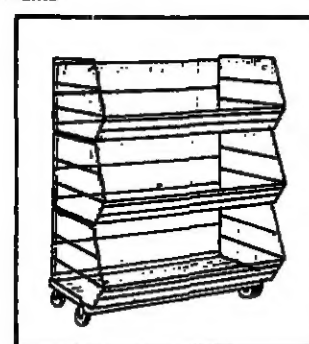
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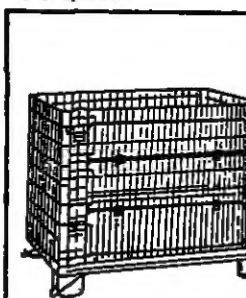
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On the market

THE STURDY glass serving and cooking dishes produced by Denmark's Bodum company, and now available on the local market, are as practical as they are striking. The company's tea pots, coffee percolators and heat-conserving glass bowls come with lids and bases in plastic-and-cork combinations in a rainbow of colours. The Bodum products are imported exclusively by the Hemick import-export firm in Tel Aviv.

STRAUSS has come out with two new products to add to its dairy foods line: "Lebeniya" yoghurt and the popular "Milky" pudding product — now in a new taste — vanilla. The latter is topped with fresh whipped cream and is a perfect snack or dessert item. Whole-milk "Lebeniya" is made of natural ingredients and has a 4.5 per cent fat content.

BUDGET-conscious shoppers will be pleased to hear of Osem's new economical containers of mayon-

naise and ketchup. Osem's mayonnaise is now available in a one-kilo size plastic, screw-top jar, while the company's new one-kilo ketchup container — made of aluminium — can be stored upright to save space.

THE MAKERS of "Bar-Kat" flour, which is specially formulated for people who are sensitive or allergic to wheat protein, were recently notified that their product is to receive a special Ministry of Health subsidy. With this subsidy, the price of "Bar-Kat" — which is kosher and can be used in meat or milk dishes — is even cheaper than that of regular flour. Comprised of corn-flour, sugar, baking soda and various vegetable substances, "Bar-Kat" is available at all major supermarket chain stores.

PAPER cut-out forms for decorating cakes for birthdays and other occasions are being sold under the Eficol label, alongside Eficol products for cake-baking. The dozen different designs come in a box with cake-decorating instructions (in Hebrew only). The waxed paper forms can be cleaned and

reused. The product is produced for Eficol by Dvir Katzman Publishers Ltd. of Tel Aviv.

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The costs of waiting

ONLY NOW is the reality of life without Menachem Begin beginning to sink in for Herut and the Likud. For the post-Begin period is not only the absence of the man himself, who bestrode the Israeli right like a colossus for close to four decades. It is also the absence of the figure of commander whose entitlement to command, to lead the party, was never challenged in the normal way that party leaders are challenged from time to time.

The few challenges that were made over the years were seen as rebellions, and the rebels were sentenced to perpetual political exile.

Mr. Yitzhak Shamir enjoys no such special standing. For one thing Mr. Begin never actually appointed him as his chosen successor — neither before the contest with Mr. David Levy last year, nor indeed after Mr. Shamir had won it fair and square.

Mr. Shamir, moreover, in the short time at his disposal, has plainly not succeeded in establishing himself as the unquestionable leader of the party and thus of the Likud. Hence Mr. Levy's reported toying with the idea of contesting again.

On the face of it, then, the Prime Minister and the Leader of the Opposition, Mr. Shimon Peres, when they meet this afternoon, share a common interest: setting an early election date. The conventional wisdom is that if the election is only weeks away, neither of the big parties will have the stomach for a damaging and divisive leadership tussle.

Since an early date is also demonstrably in the best interest of the country and its crisis-ridden economy, these various interests should be encouraged to converge and today's meeting should produce an early summer polling-date.

Unfortunately, though, there are a number of catches. Mr. Shamir apparently persists in believing that things will be better, or at least will look better from the economic perspective, in the autumn.

Mr. Shamir also apparently believes, probably with justification, that he could trounce Mr. Levy, and Mr. Ariel Sharon too, if they decide to stand against him. Given the strength of his feelings towards these two of his ministers, he might just relish the prospect of defeating them.

They too, it seems, share his assessment of their chances. But they may nevertheless stand so as to bolster their claims to the cabinet posts they covet, if the Likud wins again. Indeed Mr. Sharon, with the incredible crudity that is his hallmark, has pronounced publicly that the runner-up in a Herut contest would take the foreign ministry, and the no. 3 man would get defence. As though running in the Herut central committee and coming third were an expiation for the wrongdoing catalogued in the Kahan Report.

For Mr. Peres, on the other hand, the situation is more complicated because of the presence of Mr. Yitzhak Navon on the Labour Party chess-board. Mr. Peres' purpose is not to have an internal contest and win but rather to avoid such a contest. The briefer the election campaign, the easier this will be to achieve.

Mr. Shamir, then, will perhaps hold the slightly better poker hand when the two leaders meet today. His problem, though, after seven years of Likud rule, is that his pile of chips is lamentably depleted.

The empty seat

MR. BEGIN'S reported decision not to relinquish his Knesset seat for the time being has naturally discomfited his party. Resting on a slim majority in the House, the Likud is anxious for that extra vote. If Mr. Begin could not make it to the Knesset last Thursday to help his party block an opposition motion for early elections, then it must be assumed he won't be able to attend for lesser matters.

There are those in and outside the Likud who find fault with Mr. Begin's reluctance to part with his seat. But in reality he is behaving no differently from most MKs. For the common assumption of our parliamentarians is that, once elected, their seats are their private property. They can carry them to another party, they can carry them on long absences abroad, meanwhile being paid their salaries as if they were in attendance in the House, they can even carry them to jail.

It is estimated that the real work of the Knesset, which is largely pursued in the committees, is done by about a third of the members. The others are busy elsewhere. A host of them are ministers. They attend only to give an occasional speech, or to raise their hands.

Another group is tied up with other public jobs. The self-employed can't afford the time, and then there are those, bored by the whole show, who prefer the benefits of lecture itineraries abroad.

The burden of legislative work, therefore, falls on a small minority, moved by a sense of responsibility or the absence of a better alternative.

Thus, if Mr. Begin is delinquent, he is in good company. And after all his many years in the Knesset, which he always attended punctiliously, he can be forgiven a closing lapse.

Election economics

By YITZHAK TAUB

ANYONE WHO feels some pity for our Likud-battered economy should pray for the election day date to be fixed for as soon as possible.

Politicians profess to be super-patriots, but it would be facetious to ask them to sacrifice during the forthcoming election campaign their direct political interests for a vague, future improvement in the economy. Elect me and my programmes will solve our economic problems after I assume power, says the politician. Of course the opposition is just as vague in its proposals and seldom speaks about hard times ahead should the ruling administration be defeated.

I, for one, have no system for forecasting the damage or cost to the national economy to be expected in the loose management of affairs during the next few months. Cost it will. How much depends on how much the government underestimates the public's intelligence. During the 1981 election campaign Menachem Begin and Yoram Aridor proved that you cannot underestimate enough the so-called masses. Those who chanted "Begin, Begin" in city squares and who bought TV and/or video sets reflected more the centre than the lunatic fringe. They voted for their momentary benefactors who, so to speak, delivered the good patriotic harangue and cheap durables.

It is wishful thinking to believe that the forthcoming election campaign will see a rigorous application

of the austerity budget proposed for fiscal 1984-85. Many Likud activists will tell Finance Minister Yigal Cohen-Orgad to stick with the election economic formula that worked before. If the minister votes for a short campaign, let's say before June, and does so against his party's wishes, I will believe that he puts the good of the economy above party interest. Let's watch him and see.

FORECASTING political and economic trends is an uncertain business at best. But one can be guided by past experience and by what has happened abroad. Several serious articles have appeared in learned Israeli journals about election economics (and many abroad).

Prof. Yoram Ben-Porath of the Hebrew University published almost ten years ago an article in *Kyrios*, whose title summarizes his views: "The Years of Plenty and the Years of Famine — a political business cycle."

In the U.S. it is taken for granted that presidential election years tend to be "good" upswing economic years. The dates, of course, are fixed and cannot be manipulated; thus the economy is, if not, incumbent presidents "tend" to lose office, the latest example being Jimmy Carter.

In the January issue of the *Israeli Economic Quarterly*, economist Daniel Levy argues that facts prove the discernable presence of election economics in Israel. As far as the layman is concerned, his article, "Business Cycles and Elections in

Israel," demonstrates beyond reasonable doubt that elections here do influence business cycles. His figures leave no doubts in my mind.

Yoram Aridor's now famous (and defunct) "correct economics" was the most wasteful and cynical example of election economics, a course carried to its tragic end by its author two years after the election of 1981.

IT GOES without saying that every government would like to have a pleasant economic climate prevailing when citizens go to the polls. This is the reason why Messrs. Shamir, Levy, Cohen-Orgad et al say they want a short, wasteless, election campaign, while what they really want is elections six months hence. They clearly want time for government policies to bear some positive fruit price-wise and to relax some recent measures for the coming summer. They envision a relatively content citizenry, returning from vacation (abroad) to find troops fully or partially withdrawn from Lebanon and the American presidential election near, with the candidates showering Israel with promises, promises. Then the government may find more favour in the public eye than at present, with the impasse that forced the Knesset's dissolution.

Therefore, dear reader, mark my words: the upcoming election won't detract from the learned conclusions of Dr. Daniel Levy about the existence of a political business cycle in Israel.

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Though it may not be advantageous for the incumbent government, an economist should advocate a short election campaign, i.e., an early date for balloting. Realistically I assume this advice won't be taken. In fact Interior Minister Yosef Burg has already hinted as to its impracticability. Bribing the worker sounds vulgar — but realistic. It would be preferable if parties would try to in-

fluence our minds through debate, but realism dictates otherwise. They would rather line our pockets. Sadly or happily, it won't last for long: there is not enough money to go around.

Election economics are part and parcel of the democratic process in the Western world. Only its exaggerated intensity and wasteful longevity are to be regretted as particularly Israeli aberration.

Begin's parliamentary affront

By ZACHARIYA KAY

IT IS indeed paradoxical that the former opposition leader and prime minister, a Knesset member from year one and self-proclaimed protagonist of parliamentary democracy, again appears to have committed an egregious error. His behaviour in absenting himself from

the hallowed chamber since his resignation from the premiership has been non- or even anti-parliamentary. Such decorum indicates a lack of probity; one of the ethics of Knesset membership is participation in the business of the House. For more than half a year he

has remained in seclusion.

There is no gainsaying that the Herut party was rigidly obstinate in refusing to countenance his resignation. Mr. Begin, however, should have ignored his followers' blunders. As a sincere parliamentarian, he should have adopted the simple and judicious course of resigning his seat in harmony with contemporary practice. Instead he inadvertently demeaned the precepts of legislative representation by hanging on without realizing that his seat had become a sinecure. His resignation now, in a dying Knesset, would be a hollow act.

WHATEVER THE state of Mr. Begin's health, he did not choose the honourable path. He should have submitted his resignation from the Knesset along with his letter of resignation from the premiership last September, or within a respectable period of time lag. Since he did not, he was obliged to re-enter the chamber on a somewhat regular basis, to at least fulfil the role of front or backbencher. If he regarded such presence as an

impediment to his successor, then the first option was the clear course. Yet he neither resigned nor appeared for one session.

The Herut-led government can not be exonerated in this case. Its members allowed Begin to retain his mandate, cynically denying full representation in the Knesset. The government was obliged to urge the aforementioned courses of action after it had become abundantly clear that the erstwhile prime minister had forfeited his seat by default. Such eventualities should be obviated in the future, or the Knesset will run the risk of falling into further public disavowal by allowing for the involvement of a 19 seat House or less.

All parties should adopt a simple tenet obligating any member elected to the Knesset to resign his or her seat after a reasonable period of absenteeism, whatever the cause. Subsequently, that criterion should be adopted as a formal rule by the Eleventh Knesset. Default through being an MK "in absentia" due to personal whim, must be stopped, because it is an affront to the electorate.

Unifying parliamentary practice sullies Israel's image and makes people wonder whether "The House On The Hill" is not some sort of Middle Eastern Disneyland.

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READERS' LETTERS

THE USE OF
EUPHEMISMS

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir — During the Vietnam War, American presidents frequently employed euphemisms when they were forced to communicate unpleasant events to the public. Bombing raids became "protective reaction strikes," the invasion of Cambodia was labelled an "incursion," targets of an assassination programme against suspected Viet Cong supporters were "terminated" rather than killed, and so on. Our current president, Mr. Reagan, has continued this trend towards political degradation of the language, insisting that the withdrawal of U.S. Marines from Beirut be called a "redemption" and the U.S. invasion of Grenada a "rescue mission."

One expects such tactics from political leaders seeking to put their actions and decisions in the best possible light. It is disturbing, however, when an ostensibly free press pliantly accepts the government's terminology and allows itself to become, in at least this respect, a purveyor of propaganda.

By routinely referring to the Israeli war in Lebanon as "Operation Peace for Galilee," *The Jerusalem Post* falls into this trap. The term is political, not descriptive, and was proffered by the government as the least unpleasant way to describe a controversial and costly military action.

If *The Post* wishes to use "Operation Peace for Galilee," it should at least enclose the phrase in quotation marks to indicate its origin in the prime minister's press office rather than your editor's desk. It is by demonstrating the independence of which *The Post* and the Israeli press is rightly proud, and not by subservience to a prime minister's public relations ploy, that you will gain readers' respect.

JIM HERSHBERG
New York.

The Post routinely refers to Israel's war in Lebanon as the Lebanon War and sometimes, when the context requires it, to Operation Peace for Galilee. — Ed. J.P.

OFFENSIVE TV AD

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir — I could hardly believe my eyes when, on the eve of International Women's Day, Israel TV broadcast the offensive grapefruit advertisement. I was under the impression that this advertisement was removed last year because of the flood of protest from Israeli women.

I would like to reaffirm that this advertisement with its images of women's breasts and grapefruit halves is highly offensive. Imagine an advertisement for bananas which focussed on close-ups of men's penises bulging from their trousers! I can only hope that this ad, based on the worst kind of sexual exploitation of women's bodies in the media, was shown by mistake and will not be shown again.

HELEN HAWARI
Jerusalem.

TV DEFECT

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post
Sir — In Judy Siegel's interview of March 16 with the Director-General of the Israel Broadcasting Authority, Mr. Lapid, she quotes him as saying that the "government is not happy with what it sees on TV... not because what they see and hear is not true, but because it is true."

Without being a government spokesman, but merely a private citizen, it seems to me that the problem with TV news in Israel is not in what it shows, but in what it does not show. TV news rarely covers the good side of Israel and the positive events which take place daily in our country. The result, therefore, is to convey a distorted picture of Israel and that is what I and other Israeli taxpayers and not only the government are complaining about.

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state lottery spokesman said. The largest individual lottery prize in North America was a \$13.9-million jackpot — about \$11.1 million dollars in U.S. currency — won in a Canadian lottery in January. The previous U.S. record for a single winner was \$8.8 million in Pennsylvania last July. Unlike U.S. lottery winnings, those in Canada are tax-free.

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